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**MARTHA KINARD NAMED REGIONAL DIRECTOR
OF NLRB'S FORT WORTH, TX REGIONAL OFFICE**

National Labor Relations Board Chairman Robert J. Battista and General Counsel Ronald Meisburg today announced the appointment of Martha Kinard as Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board's Regional Office in Fort Worth, TX (Region 16). Ms. Kinard succeeds Director Curtis Wells who retired in March 2006. Ms. Kinard has served as Regional Attorney in the Fort Worth Regional Office since September 1990.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act. It conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation and it investigates and remedies unfair labor practices. As Regional Director for the Fort Worth Regional Office and the San Antonio and Houston Resident Offices, Ms. Kinard will supervise the processing of unfair labor practice and representation cases filed under the Act for the State of Texas, except El Paso County.

In announcing the appointment, NLRB Chairman Battista and General Counsel Meisburg stated:

Martha Kinard brings a wealth of experience and abilities to her new position. She is a thorough and highly motivated manager. As Regional Attorney, she has been instrumental in the Region's fine performance over the years and we are confident that under her leadership the Region will continue to successfully effectuate the National Labor Relations Act.

Prior to her NLRB employment, Ms. Kinard worked for a short period of time for Electronic Data Systems in Dallas. She joined the Agency in 1978 as a Field Attorney in the Fort Worth Office and in 1983 was promoted to the position of Field Attorney Supervisor. In 1990, Ms. Kinard was promoted to the position of Regional Attorney where she was responsible for all of the legal work in Region 16.

A native of Colorado City, TX, Ms. Kinard received her Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1974 and her J.D. degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1977. After 6 years as a Member and as Chair, Ms. Kinard recently completed her term as the Chair of the Ethics Commission for the City of Arlington, TX.

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